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The references listed below were cited in the International Search Report and were listed on the USPTO form PTO/SB 08 A&B filed with this application. Copies are now enclosed.

1. JP 2000-133236A (Category X and A)
2. JP 2001-153583A (Category A)
3. JP 2-129238A (Category A) and its English counter part U.S. 4,863,792
4. JP 2001-150583A (Category A)

The following documents are described in the specification at page 2:

1. JP7-304110A and its English abstract,
2. JP2003-92096A and its English abstract, and
3. JP2003-59477A and its English abstract.

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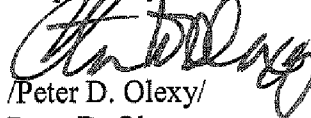
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